

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 682

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Marshall Arney for years of exemplary service on the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one individual who is most deserving of our special recognition is Marshall Arney, a man who has adeptly served on the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board since its formation; and

WHEREAS, a sixty-nine-year resident of Lincoln County, Mr. Arney began serving on the Fayetteville Electric System Board in September 2000; he remained on that Board until the Fayetteville Electric System, the Fayetteville Gas System, and the Fayetteville Water and Sewer System merged to form Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU), at which time he became a member of the FPU Board; and

WHEREAS, he was elected Vice-Chairman of the FPU Board in November 2004 and, in July of 2007, Mr. Arney's colleagues elected him Chairman; in November of 2007, Mr. Arney was appointed to the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated leader in the field of public utilities, Mr. Arney completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Cooperative Director program in September 2002, and he also served for three years on the Lincoln County Water Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, beyond his role as a public servant, Mr. Arney served his country for six years as a member of the Army National Guard, and he has participated in the civic life of his community as a member of the Lions Club for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Arney is a graduate of Draughn's Business College and the University of Alabama Engineering School; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Mr. Arney has been most fortunate to share the loving companionship of his wife of forty-six years, Myra Arney; the couple have two children, Hugh Marshall, Jr. and Melody Pitcock, and two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an active and highly valued member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Mr. Arney currently serves his congregation as an Elder, a Sunday school teacher, and Finance Manager; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service to the people of Fayetteville and Lincoln County, Marshall Arney has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect of his colleagues and all the people he has served; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arney truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated public servant who is wholly committed to the highest ideals, and he should be specially recognized for his many contributions and achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Marshall Arney for years of exemplary service on the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board, salute his expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.